

The facility had four doors secured with slide bolts/pad locks which led to grass yards and two additional doors with slide bolts leading to visitation rooms. Following the ODO inspection, the PLC door control system was replaced with a fiber optic system. The new system became fully operational in April 2013 and slide bolts were removed from the exterior doors and visitation rooms. The only slide bolts remaining in the facility are located on several shower doors in high security segregation areas. These slide bolts are attached to metal mesh doors that cover the shower. The bolts are only utilized when necessary for the safety and security of the detainee and/or staff. Staff is always present to monitor the shower when the slide bolts are in use.

Recommendation

I recommend authorization of a waiver for York County Prison for PBNDS 2008 Facility for Key and Lock Control Standard Section (V)(C)(4), due to the security concerns related to the shower areas in segregation. The waiver should only apply to these slide bolts and these slide bolts shall only be used when absolutely necessary. Staff shall conduct a constant watch of all detainees while secured in a shower utilizing a slide bolt.

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Needs more discussion

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SUBJECT:

York County Prison, PA – Waiver Request

Purpose

Provide a waiver for the Philadelphia Field Office/York County Prison as it relates to the Key and Lock Standard in Detention Facilities, Section (V)(C)(4) within the 2008 Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) which states “in accordance with the ICE PBNDS, Key and Lock Control, section (V)(C)(4), the FOD must ensure either deadbolts or deadlocks shall be used in detainee-accessible areas. Locks not authorized for use in detainee-accessible areas include, but are not limited to: snap-, key-in-knob, thumb-turn, push-button, rim-latch, barrel or slide bolt, and removable-core-type locks (including padlocks). Any such locks in current use shall be phased out and replaced with mortise lock sets and standard cylinders.”

Background

As the April 19, 2012, ODO Compliance Inspection of the York County Prison reported “ODO observed slide bolt locks in use at four different locations within the facility. Three of the four slide bolts were secured with a padlock. All areas where the slide bolt locks were in use are accessible to detainees (Deficiency K&LC-1). Slide bolt locks are not designed to withstand force or pressure from the opposite side of the door. Most are made of low strength metal and continuous pressure on the door can easily spring the bolt from the slide housing”. As the October 24, 2013, Nakamoto Compliance Inspection of the York County Prison reported “slide bolt type locking devices are being used on shower doors in housing units and other areas where ICE detainees are held. A grant master keying system is prohibited in this facility. Detainees do not have individual room keys”.

Discussion

York County Prison used a Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) based control system which employed copper wires as a means of transmitting and receiving door signals and commands.

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